P.S. – Just think of one being caught out in such a storm as prevails to day, one who is so poorly provided for it as the writer, but you sit sitting around a comfortable fire with the enjoyment of the home circle cannot appreciate the wants and ills of mankind. I want to get the west and if you will be so kind as to aid me in getting a ticket to the point designated I will ever remember you. I hope to do much good in the cause of freedom, just place me in a position to act and I will let you hear a favourable report. Attend to this by 1st mail after you receive this & forward the ticket to me at Worcester, & I will be off for the west on the reception of it.

Yours &c

Smith

Ticket via Albany, Buffalo, Cleveland Bellfountain Indianapolis & Terra Haute to Evansville for $14.00

and what I've been through you would not hesitate one moment, to call on friend Phillips & explain to him why I did not proceed, send me the ticket & I promise you in a few days if God spares my life you shall hear from me in the far west & I promise to watch the movements of the opposite side of the Ohio river— do my dear friend attend to this by return mail & oblige one in need—

Yours in the cause &c
Wm I Smith

Wm Lloyd Garrison Esq
Boston

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am nearly naked & but for that fact I would have left here this afternoon as frien Phillips has acted very generously toward me for more so than I could expect but it shall be repaid ten fold yea I hope a hundred fold, Mr Phillipps furnished me this afternoon with $10- but the Landlady must to be paid I thought she would have waited on me but have she must, I had no baggage at her house, but went as an man should to see her & have it she must or that is a part of it— I think if you will call on Mr Phillipps & read my letter to him and reflect on it you will then join in aiding me as I desire ~~which is simply~~ to purchase from the Rail Road ticket office at No 19 State Street an emigrant ticket to Evansville Indiana price $14 Lacks and mail me the ticket to Worcester by 1st mail & I promise you I will be off by the 1st train after I get the ticket, I must buy to get on any way but to mean to proceed on a certainty, Once in Evansville & I will be up on my feet again, I dont want to considered as bleeding of you but among you it will be small share and if you could only understand my true position

Boston Mass

April 1st 1861

Dear Sir

I write you although a stranger, but when you know my reasons for so doing, you will excuse me, sympathize and aid in extending a little relief to who has suffered severely at the hand of the slave Oligarchy. Well Sir to be brief, I was in Texas employed on the Rail Road from Galveston to Houston, & for simply expressing the opinion of a freeman I was forced to leave. I traversed in so doing the entire seceding states, & by way of paying them back I left my mark in many places. I left Charleston So. Ca. Saturday the 23d on the Steam Ship South Carolina Capt. Rodney Baxter Comdr & arrived here last Wednesday & ever since I have endeavoured to obtain some berth whereby I may be enabled to obtain an honest livelyhood but it all to no purpose, & now I desire to get to the west & if you will aid me in so doing I